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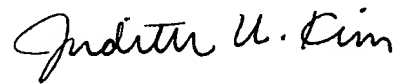
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regards to non-English language documents AN1 and AM2 cited on Form PTO-1449:

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